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### Heagney and Herlihy Praised by Simsbury Board of Ed



#### *Legislators Delivered Critical Increase in Education Dollars to Town*

**HARTFORD-** State Representative Rob Heagney (R-16) and Senator Thomas Herlihy (R-8) were praised last evening by the Simsbury Board of Education for their outstanding efforts in securing a remarkable increase in state education funding for the town of Simsbury. The considerable increase in the education aid dollars from the state to the town of Simsbury adds up to a 35% jump over the previous year.

“Every year I have been in the legislature, it has been a top priority of mine to bring as much state education funding to Simsbury as I can,” said Representative Heagney. “Each of those years, we have brought significant increases, but this year we really managed to make a tremendous difference. This increase reduces the pressure on local tax payers and adds critical resources for our children’s education.”

"As ranking member of the legislature’s Education Committee, one of my top priorities has been to make sure that suburban towns like Simsbury get their fair share of ECS funding," said Sen. Herlihy. "We've been fighting for equity in the ECS formula for some time so I am very pleased that we were able to accomplish our goal."

School Superintendent Diane Altman, and Board of Education Chairman Richard Hogan both praised the efforts of Heagney and Herlihy at the meeting.

Last year, the town of Simsbury received \$2,377,723 in education aid. This year, under the state budget, Simsbury will receive \$3,215,224. This represents an increase of \$837,501, which will be the largest increase in state education aid Simsbury has ever received.

Both Heagney and Herlihy noted the assistance of Governor M. Jodi Rell, and praised her for signing the budget that sent the funds to Simsbury.